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Dear Oncology Colleague:

We are writing to let you know about changes taking place within the Illinois Medical Oncology Society (IMOS) and the Illinois State Oncology Hematology Administrators (ISOHA). Several months ago, ISOHA began discussions with IMOS about maximizing the synergies of the two organizations and bringing ISOHA members under the IMOS umbrella organizationally and administratively. We are pleased to announce that this has come to fruition.

In late June, IMOS members adopted a proposal from the IMOS Board of Directors to change the Society's Bylaws and permit all health professionals engaged in the administration, care, and/or treatment of patients with cancer to be associate members, vote, and hold certain Board positions not to include President and President-Elect. As a result, ISOHA will no longer exist. In addition to providing expanded membership privileges, at its Annual Membership Conference IMOS will offer specialized tracks to both business staff and mid-level clinical staff. In the near future, we also will be setting up monthly conference calls for non-physician providers to network, collaborate, and share ideas.

Both IMOS and ISOHA believe that these are positive and exciting changes to the state oncology society that will result in a more dynamic, representative group of professionals who are involved in the full spectrum of oncologic service delivery. These changes reflect a new and invigorating direction for oncology professionals in the State of Illinois.

Please urge your non-physician staff to join the physician members of IMOS by going to the IMOS website, www.imos-illinois.com, and clicking on "membership" on the left hand tool bar. They can then download a membership form and send it and dues of \$50.00 to IMOS headquarters. We also hope that your practice will support the membership of non-physicians and consider paying for their dues as it currently does for physicians.

Thank you for your continued support of our oncology society and your understanding that we have greater potential to influence public and private policies concerning oncology by speaking with one, unified voice. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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P.S. To celebrate this collaboration, we are planning a wonderful Membership Conference on Friday, November 12, at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. Please mark your calendars now for this event!

Cc: ISOHA Members